



PUPPY PATTER

Altoona Area Kennel Association, inc.

March-May 2021

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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS Monthly general membership meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at the AAKA club building, 200 Basal Lane, Duncansville, PA, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!!

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Building Reminder

If you are on the building premises or coming to the building for any activity involving the club or building – your dog must be on lead. NO EXCEPTIONS!

No flexi leads on the club premises.

IDEAS OR QUESTIONS

The AAKA Officers and Board of Directors welcome any AAKA member to address the board with any ideas or questions. Any member may meet with the board or submit their ideas or questions in writing to the board to be discussed. If you would like to meet with the board, all you need to do is contact any board member to be put on the agenda. You will then be given a time to meet with the board prior to the start of the regular monthly meeting held on the third Tuesday of the month at the AAKA club building. If you prefer to submit something in writing to be discussed, you may give it to any board member or put it in the payment box at the top of the stairs. Again, the board welcomes any AAKA member to address the board with any ideas or questions.

Contact List

Membership List

Tammy Perkins.

For additions or corrections to the membership list, please contact Tammy via email at tammyp935@gmail.com, or call 814-935-0537. The latest membership list can be picked up at the club building.

Building Rental

Kathy Pike.

To rent the building for \$5 (member) or \$10 (non-member accompanying a member) an hour, contact Kathy at Kap1967@hotmail.com or call 330-5652

Breed Referral

Kathy Pike or Larry Wilson.

For a breed referral, email Kathy at Kap1967@hotmail.com or call 330-5652; or email Larry at larryelmer@gmail.com or call 224-2803.

Sunshine Person

Connie Wilson

If you know someone in the club who has had a death in the family, sickness, or is having a rough time, please email Connie at larryelmer@gmail.com so she can send them a card from the club.

AAKA Web Page www.aakainc.com.

To have news, events, or notices posted to the club's website, contact: Darlene Ormsby, dormsby2@atlanticbb.net; or Amy Sheehan (newsletter), amy_sheehan@verizon.net

AAKA Bylaws:

It was suggested to make some changes to our AAKA Constitution & Bylaws. Those changes were presented at the February membership meeting and emailed to members for their viewing. Also emailed was the current Constitution & Bylaws for comparison. At the March membership meeting, there will be a vote to approve or not approve the suggested changes to the Constitution & Bylaws.

AAKA Class Schedule

AAKA club classes, which are scheduled for 55 minutes, are ongoing; and costs \$42 for members and \$60 for non-members for a six-week session. Drop-ins are welcome at classes, but individuals need to contact the instructor prior to attending the class to check on room availability. **If you sign up for a class and cannot attend, you need to let the instructor know.** Also, if you decide to withdraw from a class, you need to inform the teachers so that others on the wait list can participate in the class.

Class Schedule:

- **Puppy K**, Monday, 6 p.m. – Kelly Corl, 207-1635.
- **Social Obedience Skills**, Monday, 7:15 p.m.– Kathy Pike, 330-5652
- **Pre-Agility**, Tuesday, 6:15 p.m.– Nancy Porta, 224-0295.
- **Obedience**, Tuesday, 4 & 5 p.m.– Marty Strawmier, 944-1927.
- **Handling**, Thursday, 6 p.m.– Anne Schettig, 886-2371.
- **Rally Class**, 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7 p.m.– Darlene Ormsby, 224-5650.
- **Agility**, Saturday, 8, 9, 10 & 11am -Nancy Porta, 224-0295.

Note about Pre-Agility Class!

Our club offers a Pre-Agility class annually. The start date is usually in October. This is an ongoing class after the initial 6-week session. Dog/handler teams are limited. This class fills QUICKLY -- many times before the class is announced. If you wish to attend this class, notify Nancy Porta **IN WRITING**:

Nporta9730@atlanticbb.net Your name will be added to the sign-up roster when Nancy gets your email. It is advised to keep in touch with Nancy every month or so to validate continued interest. Dogs need basic obedience skills and a reliable 'sit/stay.' Contact Kathy Pike to join a Social Obedience Class: kap1967@hotmail.com or Marty Strawmier to join an Obedience Class: mfairwind@aol.com.

New Members:

Tabatha Griffin
teachulit@hotmail.com
Border Collie & Mixed
Breed

Victoria Weber
fevlyn@gmail.com
Border collie and
Aussie/Elkhound Mix

Anne and Joe Bigler
anne.bigler@gmx.com
English Toy Spaniel

Robin, Kevin and
Cheyanne Smith
rosm2218@gmail.com
Rough Collie & Golden

New Members:

Sue McKelvey
aloccasions325@gmail.com
m
Long Haired Miniature
Dachshunds

Tracey Biesecker
184 Sterling Acres Rd.
Altoona, PA 16601
traceybiesecker@gmail.com
French Bulldog,
Border Collie/Australian
Shepard Mix

New Members:

Kimberly Sanders
847 Tunnelhill St.
Gallitzin, PA 16641
KLSanders95@gmail.com
Weimaraner

Pamela Dudeck
504 Silvery Lane
Martinsburg, PA 16662
Pdudeck1@verizon.net
Border terriers

Tiffany Mottle
194 Alpine Lane
Altoona, PA 16601
Tiffmottle18@gmail.com

Supplies Needed

The club is always in need of paper towels, toilet tissue, garbage bags, cleaning supplies, Odor Ban, etc. Please add the club to your next shopping list.

New Applications:

Summer Davis
427 Miller Street
Hastings, PA 16646
sdavis@ganisterstation.org
Dachshund, Australian
Shepherd, All American
breeds

Annette Fry
2531 Frys Lane
Tyrone, PA 16686
Annettefry718@gmail.com
Border Collie

Amy Jorden
Julianna Lusk
121 N. Hawthorne Dr.
Altoona, PA 16602
angwife@atlanticbb.net
Golden Retriever and All
American

AAKA Club Building Guidelines:

The AAKA club building is open following current building occupancy guidelines.

In an effort to keep everyone safe, we have developed "New Normal" guidelines for everyone to safely return to the club building. These guidelines are a zero percent policy to continue to use the club building until further notice. We ask that you please bear with us as we work through this "New Normal" procedure and make adjustments as needed.

- Prior to your initial return to the building, we require that you sign a waiver to maintain use of the club building. You can email your signed waiver to Tammy Perkins at tammyp935@gmail.com, leave it in the basket inside the door of the club building, or snail mail it to Tammy at 2517 Third Street, Altoona, PA 16601. You cannot enter the building before signing and submitting this waiver.

Nancy Porta, Building Manager, has requested that you report any problem at the building to her as soon as possible at Nporta9730@atlanticbb.net or call 814-329-2993 (cell); 814-224-0295 (home). If the septic tank alert sounds off, you can silence it, but please notify Nancy immediately so the tank can be pumped.

Kathy Pike, Rental Coordinator, has requested that you contact her to reserve the building at kap1967@hotmail.com or call/text 814-330-5652. For reference in scheduling, rentals will appear on the website calendar; Use the tab "Club Events" and "Calendar":

<http://aakainc.com/club-events/calendar/>. To better utilize the club building for all members, anyone who uses the building and decides not to come to the building during their reserved time slot (whether it be for classes or for training) must contact Kathy as soon as possible so that the rental can be removed from the website and others can take advantage of using the building. It is preferred that individual rentals do not reserved for more than two consecutive weeks at a time unless no one else wants that particular time slot. As in the past, club classes/events take precedence in building use. Instructors will post a class schedule on the bulletin board and/or on the website calendar so others know when the building is available for use.

Darlene Ormsby, Credits Coordinator, has requested that you complete the credit form and put it in the credit box inside the entrance door at the building. Feel free to contact her with any credit question at dormsby2@atlanticbb.net or text 814-932-5650.

Tammy Perkins, Building Key and New Member Coordinator, has requested that you contact her if you would like to become a member or obtain a key to the building. Feel free to contact her with any membership or building key questions at tammyp935@gmail.com or call 814-935-0537.

2021 All Breed Dog Show (May 27th, 2021):

The AAKA All breed show is on May 27th at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds (New Castle PA). Please come out and support our club.

Agility Trial:

The AAKA July Agility trial is now open. The AAKA is hosting 3 days of AKC Agility Trials on Fri-Sun **July 30-August 1, 2021**, at B&D Creekside Activity Center in Latrobe, PA. The Premium List can be found at:

<https://aakainc.com/>

Don't have an agility dog, but are interested in watching? The AAKA could use your **help** and you will get a great seat to view the action! All you have to do is fill out a worker's form that is listed with the premium or contact Darlene Ormsby. No previous experience is necessary. Come hang out and have a good time with our current workers! You will not regret it.

OFA Eye Clinic:

The Altoona Area Kennel Association, Inc. is holding an OFA Eye Clinic with Dr. Ronald C. Riis from Cornell University on Saturday, August 7, 2021, at the club building in Duncansville, PA. The cost is \$45 per dog. Appointments must be pre-registered with Kathie Crist by **Friday, July 23, 2021**. For additional information or questions, contact Kathie at karafast@live.com or call 814-623-8680 in the evening. A flyer is on the website and attached on the last page (Page 7-8) with eye clinic details and registration form. Please feel free to pass this information on to other dog owners

President's Letter:

Hi everyone,

It's a beautiful day here but -what else- cold. Hoping that we will have some nice warm weather for our show. Just say some prayers- they usually help

Our agility trial number 1 is over. So, so many people to thank. It's just impossible. But to Dar- wonderful job! I know you worked many weeks on it and it definitely showed. We need so many people to pull the trial together and we had a great turnout of members. I just wish our profit was in accordance to the amount of work we put into it. There are many obstacles from clubs that make things harder.

Next is our breed show on May 27th. We will be going over to help spruce up the judges lunch room on May 23rd. If you can go please let me know. If you can help on May 27th please let us know. Dar will need help serving in the kitchens and Nancy will need help with the raffle. Hopefully we will make some money.

Then we have agility trial number 2 in July. Dar had the judges and now we will need people to enter. More on that later. In August we have our eye clinic- Kathie takes that over. We have Dr. Riis again. Bless that man- he is wonderful. The club does not make any money from this- it is strictly a service to our members and friends.

So that is our obligations for the year. 2 agility trials, one breed show, and one eye clinic.

At the membership meeting we discussed having a fast cat trial. We would go to B&D and Darlene Schmucker will be in charge. We know nothing about it and she said that she will arrange everything. Hopefully we will learn and then see what happens. It's a nice money maker. We are waiting to hear from AKC about available dates that we could have it. I hope that many of you will be available to help. It should be fun.

Covid is still here. 🙏 I hope it is coming to an end. I can only pray.

Classes will soon be going to a summer schedule.

That's about it.

Stay safe. Prayers for Gary. He is doing better but still needs your prayers.

Prayers for our members, family, and country.

Best

Anne

Calendar:

Breed Show: AAKA Sponsored Day	May 27
Board Meeting:	June 15
General Membership Meeting: How to Build an Agility Course	June 22
Board Meeting:	July 20
Eye clinic form due	July 23
General Membership Meeting: White elephant auction	July 27
AAKA Agility Trial	July 30- August 1
Eye Clinic	August 7

Newsletter Brags and Pictures:

Brag wanted! When sending your brags to the newsletter editor **please put "Brag" in the subject line.** Pictures are welcome but the editor reserves the right to modify the picture to an appropriate size that works in the newsletter. Due to the limited space in newsletter the editor also reserves the right to hold a picture for a future newsletter.

Brag:

Ch Centara Nautical Navy J.A.G., FDC ATT CGCA CGCU TKN TKI owned by Linda Dobbie. The virtual testing was a great way to earn titles. Jager earned 8 titles: BCAT, RN, RI, TKA, TKP, TKE, VHM and THDN.

Tim and Kerri would like to welcome Molly into their home.

Molly DANTE'S OB-LA-DI, OB-LA-DA

SIRE RBIS MBISS GCHG JANA ARMITAGE FREELANCE FDC AX OAJ NF CGCA CGCU TKN CC X DANTE'S THE DIVINE COMEDY



Congrats to Kelly Corl and Roscoe "P" for qualifying for AKC Rally Nationals 2021



PIC-COLLAGE



**Ronald C. Riis, DVM, MS,
Diplomat, American College
of Veterinary
Ophthalmologists**

Education and Training

Cornell University, Master of
Veterinary Science, 1975
Cornell University, Resident,
Comparative Ophthalmology, 1974
Internship, College of Veterinary
Medicine Cornell University, 1972
University of Minnesota, DVM, 1971

Board Certification

Diplomat - American College of
Veterinary Ophthalmologists (DACVO)
American Society of Clinical Pathology
(MT/ASCP) Cytology &
Histopathology

Directions to the Club Building:

FROM CRESSON:

Follow Route 22 East. Take the last exit before the I-99 Interchange, the Hollidaysburg/Duncansville Exit Route 764. Remain in the left lane for Route 764 North Altoona. Once you merge onto Route 764 North, you should immediately get into the left lane as you will be making a left turn at the first signal light onto Carson Valley Road. This intersection is marked by the Carson Valley Cemetery on your left and Beck Chiropractic on your right. Smith Furniture is beyond the intersection on your right. After making your left turn onto Carson Valley Road follow the directions from ** in the I-99 South or North directions.

FROM HOLLIDAYSBURG:

Get to the Meadows Intersection (North Juniata Street and Plank Road). If you are on North Juniata Street, proceed straight through the signal light at the Meadows Intersection. If you are Southbound on Plank Road, turn right at the signal light at the Meadows Intersection. If you are Northbound on Plank Road, turn left at the signal light at the Meadows Intersection. Proceed straight to the first stop sign after the Allegheny #1 Elementary School on your right. Turn right at the stop sign and then make first left turn. After making the left turn you will be on the extension of Carson Valley Road on the east side of Route 764. There will be a signal light at the intersection with Route 764. Proceed straight through the signal light and follow the directions from the ** in the I-99 South or North directions.

FROM I-99 SOUTH OR NORTH:

Take Exit 28, the Route 22 West Exit, to Ebensburg. Once on Route 22 West, take the First Exit, Hollidaysburg / Duncansville

/ Altoona for Route 764. Get into the left lane for Route 764 North to Altoona. Once you have merged onto Route 764 North, you should immediately get into the left lane as you will be making a left turn at the first signal light onto Carson Valley Road. This intersection is marked by the Carson Valley Cemetery on your left and Beck Chiropractic on your right. Smith Furniture is beyond the intersection on your right. After making your left turn onto Carson Valley Road, **proceed straight up Carson Valley Road for 1.2 miles. As you approach the 1.2 mile mark, you will notice the overpass (bridges) for Route 22, slow down, you will make a right turn onto Longview Drive adjacent to the overpass. Follow Longview Drive for 2/10 of a mile and turn right onto Basal Lane to the building. The lane takes you straight into the building.

FROM ALTOONA ON ROUTE 764 SOUTH:

Follow Route 764 South out of Altoona towards Duncansville. As soon as you pass Veeder-Root (Manufacturing Plant) on your right, make the right turn at the signal light onto Carson Valley Road and follow the directions from the ** in the I-99 South or North directions. This is the first intersection as the road widens to four lanes for the remaining distance to Duncansville. If you pass the Route 22 Interchange, you have gone too far!

FROM DUNCANSVILLE ON ROUTE 764 NORTH:

Follow Route 764 North towards Altoona. Immediately after the Route 22 Interchange, get into the left lane and make the left turn at the signal light onto Carson Valley Road. Then follow the directions from the ** in the I-99 South or North directions.

Fee Per Dog: \$45.00
(Checks made payable to A.A.K.A.)

Please complete the form below and return it by **Friday, July 23** to:

Kathie Crist
2144 Cumberland Road
Bedford, Pa. 15522

Questions, please call or email:
(814) 623-8680 / evenings
Email: karafast@live.com

Appointment times will be mailed on Friday, July 30.

Detach here-----

Eye Clinic Appointment(s)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Email Address: _____

of Dogs _____

Breed _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____



O.F.A. EYE CLINIC

With

**Dr. Ronald Riis,
DVM, MS
Emeritus Professor
Of Ophthalmology
Cornell University**

*Sponsored by the
Altoona Area Kennel
Association, Inc.
200 Basal Lane
(1st right off Longview Drive)
Duncansville, Pa.*

Saturday, August 7, 2021

*Appointments by
pre-registration only
Deadline: July 23*